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REPORTS

OF THE

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1847.

MOSES EDGELL, Treasurer of the Town of FRAMINGHAM, in an Account Current with said Town, April 1st, 1847, respecting the STONE FUND.

DR.		CR.	
Notes and other securities, being the Principal of said Fund	$9313 79	Notes and other securities now in Treasury	$9313 79
One year's interest on said principal	558 82	Paid towards the support of the Town's Poor, since last settlement	526 06
Interest due April 1st, 1846	237 90	Paid for the support of Micah Stone	32 76
		Interest due April 1st, 1847	237 90
	$10110 51		$10110 51
Balance in the Treasury, April 1st, 1847	$9551 69		

JONA. GREENWOOD,
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CHAS. S. WHITMORE,
AARON PRATT.
} COMMITTEE.

MOSES EDGELL, TREASURER.

MOSES EDGELL, Treasurer of the Town of FRAMINGHAM, in an Account Current with said Town, from April 20, 1846, to April 3, 1847.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance in the Treasury, April 20, 1846	$1700 75
Received the balance due from the Collector from the assessments of 1845	200 00
Received from Eliphalet Wheeler, Collector, from the assessments of 1846	8187 97
Received from the income of the Stone Fund	526 06
Received from the income of Mass. School Fund	159 16
Received from the State Treasurer for Military Services	242 00
Received for the use of the Town Hall	35 00
Received from the Selectmen for a license to the Managers of a circus	20 00
Received from Lyman Barber, Burnam McCann, Charles Hunt, and George Newbury, five dollars each, for license to peddle goods within the town of Framingham	20 00
Received from the State Treasurer, for the support of State Paupers	60 15
Received a Loan from the Framingham Savings Bank, and others, by order of the Town	5500 00
	$16651 09
Balance in the Treasury, April 3d, 1847	$2288 62

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid on orders drawn by the Selectmen on the Treasury	$13228 88
Paid the Provident Institution of Savings in the City of Lowell, July, 1846, as interest	170 50
Paid Luther Belknap, as interest	96 00
Paid John B. Kittridge, as interest	12 60
Paid Emeline Coolidge, as interest	17 87
Paid George Bullard, as interest	11 00
Paid Peter Coolidge, as interest	30 00
Paid Dana Bullard, as interest	53 62
Paid the Framingham Light Infantry Company	242 00
Paid the Boston & Worcester Railroad Co. for land for the Town Hall in Saxonville	500 00
	$14362 47

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MOSES EDGELL, TREASURER.

The amount of Orders, &c. paid by the Treasurer from April 20, 1846, to April 3, 1847, as exhibited in the foregoing account, viz., $14362 47, is made up of the following items, viz:—

Repairing School Houses.

Paid Benj. J. Bill and others for repairing yard fence and school house in District No. 11 . . .	$28 20	
" Jacob Rand and another for blackboards and chairs in District No. 11	17 94	
" Amory Maynard for blackboard in District No. 9	3 67	
" for repairing all other school houses . . .	11 94	
Total expense of repairing school houses		$61 75

Support of Schools.

Paid for wages and board of the several school teachers in summer and autumn . . .	$779 00	
" for wages and board of the several school teachers in winter	1207 47	
" for fuel, necessaries, &c.	194 85	
		*2181 32
Superintending School Committee.—		
Paid Rev. Carleton Parker	$33 00	
" Increase N. Tarbox	27 00	
		60 00
" Boynton & Marshall for books, (part of which, viz. $13 29, has been assessed on the Town and on individuals, remainder not accounted for)		20 55
Total expense of schools		$2261 87

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Sam'l Warren for 612 ft. 3 inch plank, at 2½ cts	$15 30
" John Cloyes for 3213 ft. 3 inch plank, at 2¼ cts	72 29
" John Cloyes for 30 feet bridge timber . .	1 45
" John Cloyes for 277 ft. joists & poles for railing	4 95
" John Cloyes for repairing sundry bridges .	10 92
" S. O. Daniels for 938 feet bridge plank . .	12 19
" S. O. Daniels for 220 feet boards . . .	3 74
" S. O. Daniels for 100 feet joist	1 50
" Ebenezer Stone for 149 feet bridge timber .	21 30
" Cyrus Bullard for 117 feet poles for railing .	2 34
" Cyrus Bullard for putting up railing, and for work on sundry bridges	11 00

* For particulars, see schedule, p. 13.

Paid Cyrus Bullard for stones and irons for railings	$4 37	
" Charles F. Stone for cash paid for laying stones on bridge near J. Barney's	18 12	
" sundry persons for 11 days' labor and hewing timber for bridges	15 20	
" sundry persons for labor on bridges, and teaming materials for bridges	20 55	
" Wheeler & Co. and others for spikes and nails	5 63	
" Jonas Goodnow for a piece of railing . .	20	
" Abijah S. Claflin for gravel	1 00	
" Jesse Eaton and others for stones for culverts	12 75	
" N. S. Bennett for labor, and cash paid for removing obstructions in river near Saxonville lower bridge	6 50	
" A. H. Bigelow for building temporary bridge for use while building new one at Saxonville .	8 25	
" Jonas Clayes for surveying roads . . .	1 00	
" Joseph Morse for damages for land for road and land adjoining	68 12	
" Emory Haynes for land damages for said road	21 00	
" Samuel B. Ward for making sundry new pieces of new road near Mr. Knight's factory, and near Deacon Hyde's	70 00	
" Samuel B. Ward for making new road near Edwin Hastings'	200 00	
" Ebenezer Stone in part for making road near Amasa Kendall's	60 00	
" John Wenzell for making 39 rods new road near School house No. 6	85 00	
" John Wenzell for services in opposing a road petitioned for by Silas Warren and others .	3 00	
" Part of the extra grant of $150, and including arrearages of extra grant for 1845 . . .	130 00	
" for extra highway work, by order of Selectmen	14 85	
" Highway Surveyors for removing snow . .	53 70	
Total for roads and bridges, exclusive of highway taxes		$956 19

Damage incurred on account of Defects in the Highways.—

Paid Royal Ellis for damages on account of an alledged defect in the highway . . .	$2000 00	
" Moses Edgell for costs of suit	7 05	
" Henry Richardson and Lawson Rice for do. .	5 00	
Total		$2012 05

Support of the Poor.

Expenses of State Paupers and others not at the Establishment.—

Paid Asenath Underwood for house rent, washing, and nursing the wife of William Lloyd . .	$26 42

Paid John W. Osgood for medical attendance .	$38 00	
" Adam Hemenway for cash paid for medicine .	1 08	
" William Brackett and A. Hemenway for necessaries	33 39	
Total expense of said Lloyd		$98 89
" Persian H. Vose for removing Asahel Childs to the Establishment		50
" Persian H. Vose for cash paid for support of Dexter Bailey at House of Correction . .	$2 00	
" Adam Hemenway for cash paid for support of Dexter Bailey and Chas. O. Goodnow at House of Correction, and expenses of journey . .	4 31	
" Micajah Rice for support of Dexter Bailey's family, and funeral expenses of Mrs. Bailey .	6 91	
" John Kendall for coffin & grave for Mrs. Bailey	8 00	
Total expense of said Bailey and Goodnow		21 22
" Adam Hemenway for wood and provisions for Mrs. Bell, and for moving her and three children to the Establishment	$6 71	
" John W. Osgood for medical attendance . .	3 50	
Total expense of Mrs. Bell		10 21
" Adam Hemenway for wood furnished Josiah Winch		12 32
" Enos Hoyt for medical attendance on Hannah Pratt	$2 25	
" Joseph Cutting for nursing and funeral expenses of H. Pratt	4 00	
" John Kendall for coffin for H. Pratt . .	4 00	
Total expense of Hannah Pratt		10 25
" A. H. Bigelow for necessaries for James Lee . . .		3 00
" Levi Winch for support of Patience Winch . . .		3 50
" Adam Hemenway for provisions for Martin Mayhew's family		21 01
" Adam Hemenway for cash paid for support of Mr. Carlock		1 00
" Adam Hemenway for cash paid for assistance in moving Lucy Tower to the Establishment		3 75
" Adam Hemenway for cash paid for provisions for Edward Ford	$0 41	
" John W. Osgood for medical attendance on Edward Ford	3 00	
Total expense for Edward Ford		3 41
" Micajah Rice for wood for Thomas Noaln .	$0 62	
" John W. Osgood for medical attendance on Thomas Noaln	2 00	

Paid Adam Hemenway for moving Thomas Noaln and two children to the Establishment . .	$1 25	
Total expense for Thomas Noaln		$3 87
" Adam Hemenway for wood and provisions delivered Thomas Barker		6 64
" Adam Hemenway for boarding a pauper 1 day, and moving her to the Establishment		1 50
" Hezekiah Hemenway for support of Rhoda Hemenway, 16 weeks, and burial expenses		27 00
" John Carr for nursing Patrick Fergurson four weeks, including medicine	$13 35	
" John W. Osgood for medical attendance on Patrick Fergurson	9 00	
Total expense of Patrick Fergurson		22 35
" Adam Hemenway for cash paid S. G. Howe, at the Asylum for the Blind, for purchase of clothing for Lyman Parmenter, son of Buckley Parmenter . .		25 00
" Adam Hemenway for time and expenses at the Asylum		2 80
" Adam Hemenway for cash paid town of Charlestown for wood for Sarah Temple		8 00
" John Woolson for boarding and nursing Prescott Rice nine and a half weeks		*28 00
" Hollis Clayes for support of Jerusha Parmenter	$25 83	
" Simon Whitney for medical attendance . .	7 50	
Total expense of Jerusha Parmenter		†33 33
" Paid Adam Hemenway for cash paid town of Weymouth for support of Lydia Dadmun, and funeral expenses		78 25
" John Kendall for grave and funeral expenses of Elijah Howe		3 00
" John Twitchell for support of Anna Metcalf . .		28 30
" Adam Hemenway for wood and household utensils for Stephen G. Dickerman and family		4 88
" John W. Osgood for medical attendance on Mr. Tullock		3 00
" John W. Osgood for medical attendance on Grosvenor Davis's wife and children		3 00
" Joseph Fuller for cash paid for house rent for Sumner Merritt		2 50
" Joseph Fuller for cash paid a pauper stranger . .		2 00
" Otis Hoyt for vaccinating children		7 00
" Josiah Adams for advice relative to a claim made by the town of Westford for support of M. S. Newton		2 00
" Otis Hoyt for medical attendance on John Newton .		1 00

* This item will probably be refunded, in the whole or in part, from said Rice's estate.

† This item will probably be refunded by the town of Southborough.

Paid Ezekiel Howe, Jr. for house rent for John Newton		$9 75
Total expense of State paupers and others not at the Establishment		$492 23

Expenses incurred on account of Paupers at the Establishment.—

Paid Daniel Hewes for services as Warden		$300 00
" Wheeler & Co. for goods for the Establishment		232 05
" Adam Hemenway for a hat for Asahel Childs		1 12
" Adam Hemenway for 236 feet of boards for repairing carriage house		3 77
" Adam Hemenway for carpenter's work		10 67
" John J. Brown for whitewashing, repairing oven, &c.		6 50
" Aaron Rowell & Co. for stove and sundry articles for use at the Establishment		33 86
" William A. Jackman for carryall		82 50
" Adam Hemenway in part for oxen, and cash furnished for the purchase of grain		43 00
" Adam Hemenway for cash paid L. Lincoln for cow and heifer		38 77
" Adam Hemenway for cash paid for plaster		15 39
" Adam Hemenway for cash paid for beef and pork used at the Establishment		39 11
" Adam Hemenway for postage		55
" John Kendall for coffin and grave for Prescott Rice		*10 00
" John Kendall for coffin for wife of John Newton		4 00
" Buckley Stone for blacksmith work		14 77
" Eliphalet Wheeler for cash paid for insurance		4 57
" Simon Whitney for medical attendance at the Establishment		30 75
" Otis Hoyt for the same		2 75
" Enos Hoyt for the same		48 14
		$940 77

Overseers' Services, not included above.—

Paid Persian H. Vose for Overseers' Meetings, taking Inventory, &c.	$5 50	
" Adam Hemenway for Overseer's Meetings, taking Inventory, and making return to the Secretary of the Commonwealth	8 00	
" Joseph Fuller for Overseers' Meetings	5 00	
Total		18 50
Total expense of support of the poor		$1433 00

* This item will probably be refunded from Prescott Rice's estate.

Expense of Town Hall, School Rooms and Land at Saxonville.

Paid Boston and Worcester Railroad Corporation for land		$500 00
" Jonas Clayes for underpinning stone		92 25
" Ebenezer Stone for services, setting stone, &c. . .		29 44
" Moses Edgell for cash paid Nathan Haynes for building		2825 00
" Charles Fiske for paint and oil and one day's labor .		25 42
" James L. Frost for stoves, funnel and fixtures . .		69 97
" Henry Richardson for time and expense of purchasing land	$5 00	
" Henry Richardson for making contracts . .	4 00	
" Henry Richardson for writing advertisements and cash paid for printing	3 50	
		12 50
" Nathan Stone for plans of Hall and School Rooms .		3 00
Total expense		$3557 58

Expense of Fire Department.

Paid Adam Hemenway, 2d, for cash paid for engine hose and repairing engine No. 1	$225 68
" S. E. Thayer for engine No. 3	600 00
" Moses Edgell for cash paid for Saxonville engine . .	600 00
" Asa B. Cram for services in procuring Saxonville engine	3 52
" E. Clap for transporting an engine from Boston . .	2 15
" Adam Hemenway, 2d, for journey to Boston to purchase engine hose, and transportation	3 00
" George Bullard for journey to Boston for Saxonville fire engine	2 50
" George Bullard for repairing engine and hose carriage	2 00
" Shelton & Cheever for repairing engine No. 2 . .	2 00
" A. W. Howard for expense of purchasing engine No. 2	4 40
" N. M. Hudson for expense and cash paid for repairs and fixtures of engine No. 1	22 65
" N. M. Hudson for taking care of engine No. 1, 1 year	10 00
" Wheeler & Co. for repairs and oil for engine No. 1 .	1 01
" George Trowbridge for oil and spanner belts for engine No. 3	7 50
" A. P. Rhoades for expense for engine No. 2, oil and firewood	3 43
" A. P. Rhoades for taking care of engine No. 2, 1 year	10 00
" Hollis Hastings for one brake pole for engine No. 2 .	2 50
" Aaron Rowell & Co. for stove, funnel and coal for engine house No. 3	13 01
" Gilbert J. Childs for refreshment furnished at fire in wood near E. Stone, 2d's, in 1845	4 05
" Wingate B. Clough for refreshment furnished at a fire in April, 1846	5 00

Paid Otis Childs for wands for Fire Wards	$4 20
" Daniel Parker for transporting engine to fire in Buckminster's wood	1 75
" Daniel Parker for use of a horse to give an alarm of fire at Saxonville	1 50
" Daniel Parker for use of horse to give alarm of fire at Rufus Brewer's	1 50
" Gilman Fuller for transporting an engine to three fires	9 00
" John Hamilton for use of a horse to convey engine No. 2 to Rufus Brewer's	1 00
" Enginemen for services at fires	183 50
" Enginemen's poll tax (refunded)	54 57
Total expense of Fire Department	$1781 42

Contingencies.

Expense of Town Hall and Selectmen's Room.—

Paid George F. Ballard for 8 5-6 days' painting .	$16 17	
" George F. Ballard for graining four doors, varnishing two doors, desk, &c.	5 00	
" George F. Ballard for materials . . .	14 60	
" J. Wheeler & Co. for oil and whiting . .	18 99	
" John J. Brown for washing and whitewashing	25 00	
" H. D. C. Griswold for hanging lamps and furnishing materials	10 75	
" H. D. C. Griswold for washing windows . .	4 00	
" H. D. C. Griswold for washing settees in Selectmen's room	2 50	
" H. D. C. Griswold for lamp wicks and glasses, and repairing lamps	5 76	
" Nathan Stone and others for repairs of cellar door, blinds, &c.	1 12	
" A. Rowell & Co. for cleansing stove funnel and for lamp chains &c.	4 70	
" H. D. C. Griswold for taking care of Hall 3 quarters	24 00	
" Jonas Clayes for 18 stone posts for railing, and bolts, &c., near Town Hall	25 20	
Total,		$132 59

Expense of running Lines and erecting Monuments between Framingham and Ashland and Southborough.—

Paid Jona. Greenwood for services 6 days . .	$13 50
" Jona. Greenwood for notifying Selectmen of Southborough and Ashland	2 00
" Adam Hemenway, 2d, for services 6 days .	13 50
" Lawson Rice for services 1 day . . .	2 25
" Warren Nixon for services as surveyor 2 days	4 00

Paid John Wenzell for board and horse-keeping .	$2 66	
" Addison Belknap for board and horse-keeping	1 00	
" Jonas Clayes for 3 stone monuments & carting	3 00	
Total,		$41 91
Expense of Guide Posts.—		
Paid Jonas Clayes for three stone guide posts and teaming	$5 25	
" George F. Ballard for painting and lettering two guide boards	1 50	
" Buckley Stone for repairing iron for guide board	25	
Total,		6 95
Assessors' Services.—		
Paid Charles Parker for services as an Assessor 27 2-7 days	$47 75	
" Charles Parker for recording taxes . . .	10 00	
" Jona. Greenwood for services 25½ days . .	44 57	
" Nath'l S. Bennett for services 23 days . .	40 25	
Total,		142 57
" Josiah Adams for 3 days' services at Boston in February and March, 1846, to oppose the petition of the city of Boston to take the waters of Long Pond, & expense		22 00
" Josiah Adams for services at Unionville to confer with petitioners for the new town		2 00
" Charles R. Train for expenses of journey to Probate Office for citation to the heirs of Reuben Winch, to show cause why guardians should not be appointed	$5 00	
" Charles R. Train for services in said case, at Probate Court at Framingham . . .	5 00	
" Charles R. Train for serving citations in the above case	4 00	
" Witnesses' fees in said case, and expense of summons	4 82	
" Lawson Rice for attending Probate Court .	1 00	
" Josiah Adams for cash paid for recording Trust Deed from Dana Winch to the Selectmen .	37	
		20 19
" Charles R. Train for services in prosecuting sundry persons for violating the license laws		11 60
" Expenses incurred by School Committee in making returns of births and deaths to the Town Clerk . .		4 90
" Elias Temple for recording births and deaths from March 6, 1843, to May 1, 1844		26 32
" Elias Temple for services preparatory to transcribing the ancient records		5 00

Paid Charles Parker and others for cash paid for books and stationary for the Selectmen and Assessors	$12 78
" Samuel Warren for postage	2 33
" Moses Edgell for cash paid for recording deeds	1 70
" Newell Clark for hearse	113 00
" Nathan Stone for repairing hearse-house	3 53
" H. D. C. Griswold for ringing the bell for one year, to January 1, 1847	40 00
" Buckley Stone for repairing bell tongue	63
" Warren Nixon for preparing Town Reports	10 00
" Warren Nixon for cash paid for printing Town Reports	18 50
" Eliphalet Wheeler for abatement of taxes on the Kingsbury estate	174 69
" Eliphalet Wheeler and others for abatement of taxes allowed by the Assessors	132 19
" Eliphalet Wheeler for discount on taxes for 1846	483 79
" Eliphalet Wheeler for collecting $9355 85, at 1¾ per cent., and cash paid for bills	168 72
" Daniel Parker for services as Constable	15 00
" Moses Edgell for services as Treasurer	25 00
" Moses Edgell for cash paid as interest on money borr'd	413 52
" Moses Edgell for cash paid Framingham Light Infantry Company	242 00
Total amount of Contingencies,	$2298 11

Recapitulation.

Repairing School Houses	$61 75
Support of Schools	2261 87
Roads and Bridges	956 19
Damage incurred on account of defects in the Highways	2012 05
Support of the Poor	1433 00
Town Hall, School Rooms and Land at Saxonville	3557 58
Fire Department	1781 42
Contingencies	2298 11
Total,	$14362 47

DEBT DUE THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1847.

Stone Fund, and Interest due, as shown by the Treasurer's Account $9551 69

DEBTS DUE FROM THE TOWN, MAY 1, 1847.

Due the Savings Bank, Lowell	$3100 00
Due the Savings Bank, Framingham	3000 00
~~Due the Treasurer of Framingham~~	500 00
Due to George Bullard	200 00
Due to Aaron Bullard	525 00
Due to Dana Bullard	450 00
Due to Emeline Coolidge	325 00
Due to John B. Kittridge	210 00
Due to Luther Belknap	1600 00
Due to Peter Coolidge	500 00
~~Due to Abigail Shed~~	1500 00
Total,	$11910 00

NOTE.—The Town Debt has been increased $5500 00 since last year, in consequence of building the Town Hall and School Rooms at Saxonville, and the damages paid Royal Ellis, alledged to have been incurred in consequence of a defect in the Highway.

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES

REFERRED TO ON PAGE 4.

District No. 1.

Paid Helen Clapp for teaching & board 15 weeks in summer	$75 00	
" Traveling expenses	2 80	
" Rachel W. Emerson for teaching and board 15 weeks in summer	67 50	
" Traveling expenses	90	
" Helen Clapp for teaching and board 14 weeks in winter	84 00	
" Rachel W. Emerson for teaching and board 14 weeks in winter	70 00	
" Ephraim Smith for wood, 5 1-8 cords	24 00	
" Charles R. Train for cash paid for cutting wood	7 69	
" Charles R. Train for brooms and necessaries	2 20	
		$334 09

District No. 2.

Paid S. Cornelia Brewer for teaching and board 14 weeks	$56 00	
" Elias Grout for teaching and board 11 weeks	89 38	
" Harrison Eames for wood, 2 cords, 6 ft. 3 in.	15 42	
		$160 80

District No. 3.

Paid Ann M. Harris for teaching and board 11 weeks	$44 00	
" For broom	17	
" E. N. Hilliard for teaching and board 2 mos. 20 days	67 00	
" John Wenzell for wood, 2 cords, 6½ ft., and preparing	15 81	
		$126 98

District No. 5.

Paid Martha S. Fiske for teaching and board 11 weeks	$48 00	
" Andrew Coolidge for teaching and board 12 weeks	82 50	
		$130 50

District No. 6.

Paid H. H. King for teaching 12 weeks	$30 00	
" Charles Capen for boarding teacher 12 weeks	14 50	
" C. H. Vincent for teaching and board 65 days	90 00	
" Jason Bent for wood and preparing the same, 2¼ cords	6 19	
" Jason Bent for chair and brooms	73	
		$141 42

District No. 7.

Paid Almira F. Coolidge for teaching 12 weeks	$24 00	
" S. A. Forrister for boarding teacher 12 weeks	19 50	
" Silas Stone for teaching and board 10 weeks, 3 days	79 09	
" Silas Stone for sweeping school-room and making fires	3 30	
" Matthew Gibbs for wood, 3 cords	12 00	
" J. T. Forrister for cutting and piling wood	2 10	
		$139 99

District No. 8.

Paid Mary Isabella Howe for teaching 19 weeks	$57 00	
" Elbridge G. Eaton for boarding teacher 19 weeks	33 25	
" Onslow Hemenway for teaching and board 3 months	118 00	
" Jesse Eaton for wood, 3 7-24 cords	14 42	
" Leonard Arnold for sawing and splitting wood	4 75	
" E. G. Eaton for 2 feet wood, and cutting	1 37	
" Liberty Chadwick and another for broom, pail, chair &c.	2 20	
		$230 99

District No. 9.

Paid Abby Bradbury for teaching and board 16 weeks	$60 00	
" Catharine Bird for teaching and board 14 weeks	63 00	
" George Ticknor for teaching and board 15 weeks	131 25	
" Abby Bradbury for teaching and board 16 weeks	76 00	
" John Hilliard for wood, and preparing the same	20 63	
" John Hilliard for cleansing school room ($3 37,) making fires and sweeping ($3 00,)	6 37	
" John Hilliard for broom, chair, pail &c. ($1 12,) conveying teacher (67 cts.)	1 79	
		$359 04

District No. 10.

Paid Lucy Bennet for teaching and board 13 weeks . .	$52 00	
" Appleton Dadmun for teaching and board 12 weeks .	99 00	
" John Moulton for 3 3-16 cords wood	16 05	
" George Bigelow for cutting and splitting wood . .	4 50	
" George Bigelow for making fires	1 50	
" George Bigelow for pail, broom, &c.	1 53	
		$174 58

District No. 11.

Paid Mary B. Goodnow for teaching and board 15 weeks .	$71 25	
" S. W. Brown for teaching and board 15 weeks . .	71 25	
" Ira Perry for teaching and board 16 weeks . . .	150 00	
" Nancy D. Brown for teaching and board 16 weeks .	64 00	
" Benj. J. Bill for wood and preparing the same, 3½ cords	22 18	
" Benj. J. Bill for cleansing school room	2 25	
" Benj. J. Bill for broom and chair	2 00	
		$382 93
Total,		$2181 32

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

Expense of supporting the Poor of Framingham, for the year ending April 1, 1847.

DR.		CR.	
To cash expended in the purchase of food, clothing, bedding, labor, tools, &c., at the Establishment	$497 73	By received for labor and produce	$265 68
To cash paid for stove, 2 cows, blacksmith work, and fitting up the small barn for the carriages &c.	114 42	By cash due for labor and board, nursing and funeral expenses	75 60
To cash paid Warden, Daniel Hewes,	300 00	By cash received for State paupers	28 02
To cash paid for funeral charges	29 00	By excess of Personal Property above last year	256 86
To cash paid for medical attendance at the Establishment,	75 38		$626 16
To cash paid for do. in town and not at the Establishment,	78 75	Balance being nett expense of supporting the poor. for the year	1024 53
To cash paid for support of paupers in town, and not at the Establishment	115 00		$1650 69
To cash paid for support of paupers out of town	123 25		
To cash paid incidental expenses	18 50		
Interest on the debt for the Establishment	298 66		
	$1650 69		

ADAM HEMENWAY,
JOSEPH FULLER,
PERSIAN H. VOSE,
} Overseers of the Poor.

Property on hand, belonging to the Town at the Establishment, appraised April 1, 1847.

Real Estate, appraised at	$5350 00
Personal Property, appraised at	1408 76
Total,	$6758 76

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Committee, appointed to superintend the Public Schools of Framingham, would respectfully report:—

That during the past year, there has been a good degree of order and prosperity in the schools of this town, taken as a whole. In District No. 6,* influences have been at work, which operated unfavorably to the efficiency and prosperity of the winter school. Your Committee do not feel themselves competent to state the real causes of these difficulties. The teacher was the same that taught the winter before, and was hired at the close of his first term, to teach the school again; but before the commencement of the school, causes were in operation, which threatened evil, and during the whole course of the winter, there was much disorder, and but little improvement. Among the other schools there has been a very great inequality, though they have all been in a passably good state. Among the schools in which there has been the most evident improvement, we would mention the higher department of the school in District No. 1, taught by Miss Clapp—the winter school in District No 2, taught by Mr. Grout—the summer school in District No. 3, taught by Miss Harris—the summer school in District No. 5, taught by Miss Fiske—the winter school in District No. 7, taught by Mr. Stone—the winter school in District No. 8, taught by Mr. Hemenway—the winter school in District No. 11, taught by Mr. Perry.

There have been several other schools almost equally good, among which we might mention the summer school in District No. 2—the winter school in District No. 3—the winter school in District No. 5—the summer school in District No. 7—and the higher department of the summer school in District No. 9.

Your Committee are more and more satisfied, that too great care cannot be used in the choice of teachers; the teacher makes the school for the most part, what it is. There have been instances in this Town during the two past years, where schools have been almost entirely transformed in their character, through the influence of a new teacher. The most important part of this matter lies in the hands of the District Committees. There are so many elements which enter in to form a good teacher, besides mere knowledge of books, that a careful enquiry beforehand on the part of those whose business it is to hire, seems highly necessary. The whole business of employing new teachers is so much a matter of experiment, even at the best, that it seems advisable when a District has a teacher who has been tried and proved and found good, that if possible he should still be kept in its employ. There are many reasons why such a teacher will ordinarily do much better than a new one.

It devolves upon the Superintending Committee as one of their duties, to make choice of such books to be used in the schools, as they shall deem best. It seems a wise arrangement, that a power of this kind should be lodged somewhere, in order to ensure uniformity; in order to prevent the excessive

* When references are made to *Districts* in this Report, the Nos. are those which belonged to the Districts before the recent change.

multiplication of all kinds of books, and the consequent increase of classes. This power has been given to the Superintending Committee. We have not thought it advisable to make frequent changes in the books, and we certainly have no desire to use our power in reference to this matter, for the mere sake of using it. Within the last three years, the selected list of books has remained almost entirely the same; two or three changes have been made, such as were thought desirable for the prosperity of the schools, but in some of the Districts, things have gradually come into such a state in relation to this point, that this arrangement is rendered almost entirely null and void in its practical working. The difficulty is of a two-fold form. There has been, on the one hand, in some cases, an absolute refusal to take the book which has been selected; the scholars, supported by their parents, have insisted upon keeping the old book;—on the other hand, books which have never been upon the list, are brought into the same schools, and studied. In one school in this town during the past winter, the teacher contended for two or three weeks, after the commencement of his school, to bring his scholars within the selected list of books. But there seems to have been a deliberate purpose in that District, not to take one of the books which had been selected, and on the other hand to use books which we have never recognised; and it was only at last by yielding as gracefully as he could, that the teacher saved his school from a state of confusion, and brought it out to the end with credit to himself. In other Districts the same evil exists, though not to the same extent. Your Committee suppose that all this has taken place somewhat thoughtlessly, and with no settled intent to oppose the action of the town in this matter. But unless there can be a compliance with the details of this arrangement, it seems best that it should not continue, for it is useless for your Committee to go through the farce of selecting books, if every one is afterwards to select for himself.

In some of the Districts, the whole number in attendance upon the schools falls considerably short of the whole number returned. In District No. 1, the whole number returned was 168—the whole number in attendance upon both departments of the winter school was 132. In District No. 8, the whole number returned was 101—the whole number in attendance during the winter school was 79. About the same disparity between the number returned, and the number in attendance exists in the schools at Saxonville. The average attendance of those connected with the schools has been better than during the former year.

There is one subject connected with the School Department, about which, there has been and is yet, considerable difference of opinion. I refer to school government. Your Committee would hope that things are assuming a more favorable shape in this respect. We are satisfied that a school without government is not only good for nothing, but it is worse than none. In such schools the young are educated to despise all authority, and to love lawlessness. All admire an orderly school. There seems to be no difference of opinion among men on this point. But your Committee are satisfied that there can not be *order* wiihout real *authority* in the teacher, and they feel constrained to urge upon parents and guardians, the importance of standing by the teacher, in his exercise of authority. We would be far from countenancing any thing wanton or brutal in a teacher's treatment of his pupils. We do not suppose that good school government implies a constant, or a very frequent use of the rod. We would have the intercourse between teacher and pupil, so far as it may be, that of mutual love. But we are convinced that in a school, where there is not a real government, the feeling of pupils towards their teacher, so far from being that of *love*, is a feeling of *contempt*, and that the characters

formed under such influences, are by no means such as society needs. We are convinced that a parent can take no surer method to injure his *child*, (to say nothing of the *school*,) than by sympathising with *him* in all the little matters, where the child and the teacher happen to come into collision. If there are cases where the government of the teacher is truly tyrannical and brutal, let them be exceptions,—and they are on the whole at the present day, rare exceptions. The best schools in this town during the past year, as all would confess, are the schools where there has been the best government.

In some of the districts in this town, the parents and guardians have done a great service to the schools, by purchasing *outline maps*, to be hung upon the walls of the school room. We almost invariably find that the classes which have studied geography by the aid of these maps, have made much greater proficiency, have obtained much more valuable and accurate knowledge than those that have studied without this aid. If the town should not be disposed to purchase these maps for the schools, the people of the several Districts might easily do this by subscription, at a trifling expense to individuals, and thus do a valuable service to the schools.

By an arrangement which has for some time existed, books are given out by the teachers to those pupils that are destiute, and a return of all such books, with the names of the children to whom they were delivered, is made to the Superintending Committee. We are happy to state that during the past year, the expense which the town has incurred by this arrangement, is considerably less than it was the year before. The cost of all the books thus given out during the past year, is between ten and eleven dollars, and of this sum, somewhat more than eight dollars was expended on the single District No 8.

It is made the duty of the Prudential Committee in the several Districts, to make a return as soon as possible after the first of May of each year, of the children in their respective Districts, between the ages of four and sixteen. In years past this matter has been delayed, to the very great inconvenience of the Committee and the town. As these returns constitute the basis on which the division of the public money is made, it is important that they should be in the hands of the Committee by the first of June. In some instances where no returns have been made from certain Districts, it has been found necessary to take the returns of the previous year, and as the population of the town on the whole, increases, such Districts may not receive quite their proportion of the money.

Your Committee would remind parents and guardians, that they may labor most successfully for the prosperity of the schools, by using their influence and authority, to secure a punctual and uniform attendance. In some schools the evils resulting from the tardiness and non-attendance of the scholars, are very great. They would also suggest, that very great advantage might result to the winter schools, by meetings of the parents in each District, for the purpose of discussing matters relating to school government and the method of securing the interest and attention of the pupils, so that they may make the most efficient and rapid improvement.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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